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REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection mailed 22 April 2004.

There is no true motivation to combine Blind, et al. to incorporate the horn switch function. Blind, et al. includes speakers that are located within the vehicle passenger compartment. Any other location would make the Blind, et al. feature the examiner points to unworkable. That is, the speakers for the audio entertainment reproduction system must be trained to send their sounds into the vehicle passenger compartment. Of course, the vehicle horn function is not intended to direct its sound into a vehicle passenger compartment. The entire purpose of the horn is to provide an audio signal to others located OUTSIDE the vehicle passenger compartment. Thus, while Blind, et al. might combine some systems and features, the vehicle horn would not be one that would be probably combinable with Blind, et al.

New dependent claims 11-13 more clearly recite the location of the speaker in applicant's claimed invention, however, the original claims 1-10 are also allowable given the improper nature of the proposed combination. Allowance of all claims is requested and in order.

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Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

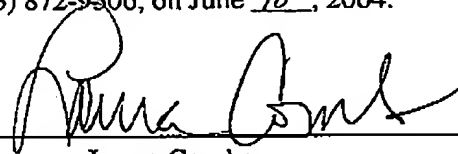


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